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**RE:** Entity Status Correction  
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Dear Sir:

**Please accept this assertion of small entity status for the referenced patent. This patent is not licensed or otherwise obligated to a large entity and is therefore entitled to the benefits of small entity status under 37 CFR1.27.**

**The Regents of the University of Michigan are the assignee of these patent rights and I am duly authorized to act on their behalf in this matter.**

Respectfully,



Michael Hallman  
Patent Administrator

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